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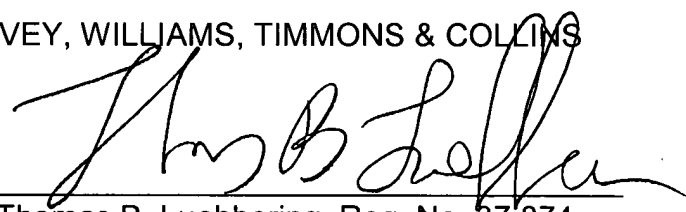
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-7, 9-16, 19-28, 30-33, 35-39, and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Independent claims 1, 17, 29, 34, and 40 have been amended to include the limitations of the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Thus, these independent claims should now be in allowable condition. The remaining pending claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 17, 29, 34, and 40 and therefore should also be in allowable condition.

In view of this amendment and the remarks herein, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-18, 20-29, 31-34, and 36-41 are now in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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